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LINE SPLICING

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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH  
EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005. Enclosed is Charge Authorization Form PTO-2038 for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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